Alleviating Drought Fears

5114. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the report that appeared in the media recently indicating the possibility of drought this year too;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken or proposed to be taken to meet the situation; and

(c) the steps taken, including the grant sanctioned, to face the drought situation during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) India Meteorological Department (IMD) has recently issued the Long Range Forecast for South-West Monsoon, 2003, as per a revised 8-Parameter Probabilistic Model on the basis of data available upto March. As per this forecast valid till June, the likelihood for rains' for the country as a whole is 96% of the long term average. This forecast will be re-assessed in July with reference to the likely rains in July.

(b) There are standing arrangements at the level of States to go in for contingent crops in the event of insufficient rains and to also set in motion various relief arrangements as per the States Relief Manuals.

(c) State-wise details of assistance released from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) during last three years for drought are indicated in the statement.

Statement

Details of Assistance provided from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) during 2000-01 to 2002-03 for drought

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	State	Assistance provided from NCCF		
		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03*
1	Andhra Pradesh	—	—	59.47
2	Chhattisgarh	40.00	18.94	100.68
3	Gujarat	85.00	27.00	—
4	Himachal Pradesh	—	18.98	14.05
5	Jammu & kashmir	—	23.20	—
6	Karnataka	—	—	196.88
7	Madhya Pradesh	35.00	22.72	183.11
8	Maharashtra	—	—	20.00
9	Orissa	35.00	14.62	5.29
10	Rajasthan	85.00	78.97	426.68
11	Tamil Nadu	—	—	215.99
12	Uttar Pradesh	—	—	310.06
	TOTAL	280.00	204.43	1532.21

*After adjustment of Calamity Relief Fund.